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Dad tried to revive baby after OD: Testimony

COURT Live electrical wires were used by the father of a 16-month-old girl to try to revive her after the toddler overdosed on methadone, court heard yesterday.

Testimony indicated Jonathon Hope told paramedics he spent several hours trying to resuscitate his daughter.

Toxicology reports showed the girl died of a methadone overdose. Hope was taking methadone to treat an addiction.

Hope and his wife, Lisa, are facing charges in the death of their daughter Summer.

The trial continues this week. METRO CALGARY

Flames Golden boy

LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Calgary Flame Jarome Iginla is swarmed by reporters as he talks about the Olympic hockey gold-medal game after team practice in Calgary yesterday. **For the full story, go to metronews.ca/sports.**

Jackie Tran sent back to Vietnam

Alleged gangster loses long fight against deportation

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Alleged Calgary gangster Jackie Tran was believed to be on his way back to Vietnam last night after years of fighting to stay in Canada.

Tran, 27, arrived inside the Calgary International Airport with a luggage rack containing a couple of suitcases and he was ushered into a private security area at the airport.

Canada Border Services wouldn't confirm the deportation due to policy.

"We can't talk about deportation for privacy reasons and the safety and security of our officers. Once a person is in the country they are deported to, we would release the information then," spokesperson Lisa White said.

Late last night, CBC News Online was reporting confirmation from Tran's lawyer, Raj Sharma, that his client had been deported.

Tran has been fighting the deportation order since 2004, with Sharma appealing on "compassionate grounds" several times, most recently in January. The Federal Court of Canada refused to intervene with the deportation order.

Police allege Tran had ties to a notorious Calgary gang responsible for several high-profile murders and drug crimes. Tran came to Canada from Vietnam as a child in 1993.

Calgarians were buzzing with news of the deportation on social media sites, and the comments reflected a common theme: "It's about time."

"I can't believe we wasted this much time and money to get this person out of the country, but I'm glad he is finally gone," Matthew Gibson said.

Airport tunnel funding denied

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MEETING A last-ditch effort to garner provincial funding for the airport tunnel was denied after a meeting yesterday afternoon, but a Calgary alderman pledged the fight isn't over.

The city and the Calgary Airport Authority were to strike a deal by March 1 to secure further funding for the $287-million airport tunnel. The airport has indicated it will go ahead with runway plans if funding wasn't secured.

Ward 3 Ald. Jim Stevenson said he is disappointed the province won't commit to funding the project, but added he has several ideas in his war chest.

"Calgarians should be disappointed in their provincial and federal government's lack of leadership, but the city got itself into this mess and we're going to find a way to get out if it now," Stevenson said, hinting more information would come later this week.

Grant Galpin of the Airport Trail Access Committee said he is worried about what the lack of funding could mean for the city.

"Calgary needs to, en masse, speak up because this will make it very difficult to get to the airport in the future. It's deeply frustrating there is no accountability," Galpin said.

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News in brief

FIRE Two residents are homeless after a blaze consumed a home in the 100 block of Canterville Rd. SW yesterday. Firefighters arrived to flames shooting out the front door and bay window opening and a second alarm was called. The residents were at work at the time but two dogs were at home and have not yet been located.

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

Video Sailors aboard a navy ship returning from Haiti say devastation will take years to fix at **metronews.ca/canada**

Blogs 'Own the Podium' may have been a bit of a wash, but Spin-Doctor sees plenty for us to be proud of

Home repeatedly targeted

Culprit again tries to enter SW house that's been broken into 4 times

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Police say a rash of unusual house break-ins in a quiet neighbourhood have investigators scratching their heads because all of the intrusions have occurred at the same address.

Const. Brenda Murdoch said the same home in the 3100 block of 42 St. SW has been broken into four times and police believe the same person also made several other attempts since September 2008, most recently on Friday at 8:30 a.m. when the 29-year-old homeowner scared the suspect away.

"It's very odd when you have someone break into the home even two times, so this is extremely unusual. We have explored various possibilities but we really have no idea what the motive is," she said.

Another incident occurred in November 2009 when a suspect with a similar description was scared away by the homeowner, who has on other occasions seen the man looking through windows, police say.

Only once in September was anything taken — a few small electronics, Murdoch said.

"At this point the homeowner is very frustrated and confused why someone would target his home so many times. He really has no idea why or who it could be."

While the home seems to be targeted, area residents are still worried about children playing nearby, including mother Brenda Suentos.

"Oh, I didn't even know that. That's scary because there are always kids playing. This is a very friendly neighbourhood," she said.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY

Calgary police are flummoxed by a spate of break-ins at the same house.

Alberta's top doc sets his sights on surge of Syphilis cases

HEALTH Alberta's top doctor is hoping a new plan will drop the number of Syphilis cases back to zero after seeing huge increases in the past decade.

Dr. Andre Corriveau is rolling out a plan to reverse Alberta's cases of the sexually transmitted infection back to zero since skyrocketing to 263 cases in 2009 — seven per cent more than the year before. In 1996, there were zero cases of the infection in the province, according to officials.

Risk of HIV increases

- Syphilis is a Sexually Transmitted Infection that if it goes untreated can lead to serious health problems and increase a person's risk for getting the HIV virus that causes AIDS.

Alberta Health and Wellness spokesperson John Tuckwell said the province is targeting the outbreak and said they are working with Alberta Health to unroll a complementary plan in the near future.

"We're certainly aware of the problem and we are working on reversing it," Tuckwell said.

Corriveau is putting the finishing touches on a report regarding the issue.

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Olympic advertising a good investment, province says

The Alberta government said yesterday that business contacts and media exposure gained from exposure at the Alberta Train, Alberta Plaza and Alberta House at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics would have cost $70 million to purchase. METRO CALGARY

Redevelopment questioned

The future of Devonian Gardens Redevelopment is up in the air because of unfulfilled funding requests, officials say.

While Phase 1 is on track to be completed by October, the fate of the $13.5-million unfunded Phase 2 is unknown at this point since requests for funding have not yet been answered by the federal government, a parks spokesperson said.

"As of now, the second phase has no funding and we cannot continue the second phase of the project until we have a funding source," said parks, planning and development manager Kyle Ripley.

Ald. Bob Hawkesworth

Despite the current funding situation, Ripley said the city is not overly concerned at this point.

"The government hasn't said no and we're looking into other options as well so until all of our avenues are dried then there will be no cause for concern."

Ripley is hopeful funding will come through from the government and the city is looking into third-party options to fully revitalize the attraction that was previously bringing in a million visits annually.

Ward 4 Ald. Bob Hawkesworth said he hopes to see a happy ending for one of the city's "favourite downtown spots."

"It's very popular place and once the restoration is done, Calgarians will fall back in love with it all over again," he said.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY

News in brief

RESCUE Calgary firefighters rescued a Calgary man from a manhole up to 15-feet in the ground early yesterday downtown at 1st St SW. The fire department's confined space team sent members down the hole to rescue the patient who suffered back and ankle pain in the fall. The investigation is continuing.

COURT The Alberta Court of Appeal upheld a Calgary man's 11-year sentence for shooting his ex-girlfriend in a Calgary bar in 2006. Yesterday's written decision also gave Kevin Patrick Lang credit for an extra 11 days served in pre-trial custody due to a mathematical error and eliminated the order he serve half of his sentence before being eligible for parole.

LOTTERY This year's Foothills Home Lottery show home is worth $2.3 million, according to organizers. Besides the Thomson Luxury Living main home prize in Heritage Pointe, there are two other homes and various other prizes up for grabs in the annual charity fundraiser. The first early bird draw is April 29 and the final draw is in early June. METRO CALGARY

Rights and Democracy staff get the boot
Three suspended senior managers at Rights and Democracy were fired yesterday. Marie-France Cloutier, Razmik Panossian and Charles Valler had been suspended with pay since Jan. 29. They — along with the entire staff — wrote a letter stating they had no confidence in the board of directors and demanded the resignation of three Conservative appointees. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Bison play ecological role: Experts

For many, bison might not be much more than the source of a tasty burger, and the idea of them running wild confined strictly to the past. But scientists from across the continent argue that the massive mammals have a role to play in Canada's future as well. Cormack Gates, a University of Calgary professor, says wild bison could have an important ecological niche. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MP nixed gay rights content in guide: Docs

Citizenship and Immigration Minister Jason Kenney blocked any reference to gay rights in a new study guide for immigrants applying for Canadian citizenship, The Canadian Press has learned.

Internal documents show an early draft of the guide contained sections noting that homosexuality was decriminalized in 1969; that the Charter of Rights and Freedoms forbids discrimination based on sexual orientation; and that same-sex marriage was legalized nationally in 2005.

But Kenney, who fought same-sex marriage when it was debated in Parliament, ordered those key sections removed when his office sent its comments to the department last June.

Senior department officials duly cut out the material — but made a last-ditch plea with Kenney in early August to have it reinstated.

"Recommend the re-insertion of the text boxes related to ... the decriminalization of homosexual sex/recognition of same-sex marriage," says a memorandum to Kenney from deputy minister Neil Yeates.

"Recommend the addition of 'equality rights' under list of rights.

Had noted earlier that this bullet should be reinserted into the list as a means of noting the equality of all based on race, gender, sexual orientation etc ..."

In the end, however, Kenney's view trumped that of the bureaucrats. The 63-page guide, released with fanfare last November, contains no mention of gay and lesbian rights.

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Egale

- The gay-rights group Egale Canada met with the minister in early December after learning the booklet made no reference to gay and lesbian rights, and is negotiating with the department to have them included in the next printing, about a year away.

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ScanLife

Hybrid hype? As more models roll out, experts agree the gas engine will continue to dominate. Scan this code for the story.

News in brief

COURTS A 19-year-old northern Ontario man who got his 13-year-old cousin pregnant has been handed a jail sentence in a case the Crown prosecutor called one of the hardest she's dealt with. In an interview from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Crown lawyer Nancy Komsa called the situation sad. "It's a very difficult situation — it's probably one of the worst sentencings I've done," Komsa said.

POLITICS The Conservative government may have won control of key committees after it prorogued Parliament, but that won't guarantee control of crime legislation when the House of Commons returns yesterday. The opposition parties are offering no guarantees that more than a dozen law-and-order bills that died with prorogation will be automatically resuscitated and fast-tracked. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Group challenges L.A. crackdown on pot clinics
A lawsuit filed yesterday by the largest medical marijuana advocacy group in the U.S. challenges the Los Angeles' crackdown on medical marijuana dispensaries, claiming it would force nearly all of them to close. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Sea lions return to San Francisco

Sea lions are returning to San Francisco's Pier 39 after an abrupt disappearance that left tourists disappointed and experts baffled. Marine experts say the animals come and go regularly, leaving in the fall to breed and give birth to their young in the Channel Islands. The large numbers like the 1,700 seen in November — and their sudden departure — were unusual but not worrisome. They were probably looking for food. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

IRELAND A Roman Catholic diocese at the centre of Ireland's child-abuse scandals appealed yesterday to its parishioners to cover some of its more than $14 million US in bills to victims and lawyers. The Ferns diocese's chief financial officer, Eugene Doyle, said the church had no option but to ask its faithful for help. He estimated that 100,000 members in 80 parishes would be asked to contribute $85,000 annually for the next 20 years.

SPAIN Authorities have smashed one of the world's biggest networks of virus-infected computers, a data vacuum that stole credit cards and online banking credentials from as many as 12.7 million poisoned PCs. The "botnet" of infected computers included PCs inside more than half of the Fortune 1,000 companies and more than 40 major banks, according to investigators. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Going back in history

Scholars to analyze Irish slaughter from 1640s

One of the most divisive and hotly disputed events in Irish history — the 1641 killings of thousands of Protestant settlers by Catholic natives — is to be examined in forensic detail for the first time, researchers said yesterday.

The scale of the bloodshed left communal scars for centuries. Protestants cited it as their basis for fearing and oppressing the natives, while Catholics insisted the historical record was grossly exaggerated to justify subsequent British repression in Ireland.

Now, scholars from Aberdeen University in Scotland and Trinity College Dublin will analyze and seek patterns in 20,000 pages of statements from 4,000 witnesses.

Paisley retires

- Ian Paisley, the hard-line Northern Ireland evangelist who led Protestants into power-sharing with Catholics, announced yesterday he will retire from the British Parliament after a 40-year career.

The 1642-1655 documents, stored in Trinity's historical archives since the 1740s, have been converted over the past two years into digital form. Researchers now plan to dissect the language used and references to assailants, with the goal of separating truth from fiction and facts from artistic license.

The lead researcher, Aberdeen language and linguistics expert Barbara Farrell, said the scale of the 1641 slaughter was cited as justification for when the English army of Oliver Cromwell invaded Ireland in the 1650s and killed natives without mercy.

English parliamentary documents of the time claimed more than 200,000 Protestants had been killed but Farrell said the most reliable estimate today is that at least 4,000 died.

Farrell said the research would determine whether survivor accounts written down by Cromwell's fact-finders were accurate, exaggerated or outright lies. She expressed confidence in finding evidence of the "manipulation" of some figures and events. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chile **Aftermath of earthquake**

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A police officer aims his gun at people looting goods from a damaged store in Talcahuano, Chile, yesterday. Saturday's magnitude-8.8 quake killed more than 700 people. Field hospitals and generators are among urgently needed aid that Chile has requested from Canada. Scan this code or visit metronews.ca/world for the story.

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Comment

A new golden age for Canadians

TheWestView

Much is being made of Canada's gold record at the 2010 Olympics: 14 gold, the most ever.

Quite an accomplishment, but we should check the math: The final tally is more like 34,019,726 gold, one for every single Canadian.

Neil Young, who haunted Sunday's closing ceremonies like a ghost from Winnipeg, sang Long May You Run, which was nice, if the wrong Olympic season, but he could have really hit the target with Heart Of Gold, a more evocative — and accurate — celebration of the New Canadian Attitude (trademark registered).

It was born on the streets of Vancouver, as thousands lined up for hours for a chance to buy Olympic gear branded Canada, no matter that it was made in China. The new 'tude burst free on the final day when Team Canada wrote the mother of all happy endings in the gold-medal hockey game.

The Canuck genie is out of the bottle and with any luck it won't look around, come to its senses and crawl back into the bottle with a meek little apology.

Somehow, over the last two weeks, the people took over from the nattering negativists of the media (your friendly columnist included), and stopped the complaining. So what if it rains all the time or it's crowded or the stupid hydraulic arm doesn't work and the Games cost more money than the GDP of Uzbekistan, etc. We rock. Jon Montgomery rocks. Joannie Rochette rocks. Nickelback rocks. Canada rocks.

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For me, the New Canadian Attitude came out loud and proud in that ridiculous Michael Bublé-Busby Berkeley production number with the giant inflatable beavers and flying moose that capped the closing ceremonies. What a magnificent combination of hoser humour, uncharacteristic excess, unbridled goodwill and Molson-induced pride. You want Canada? You got it!

Here's the thing. The Games are over and the guests have gone home: How long will the golden grins last? How long before the negativists, who have been lurking patiently in the dark shadows, reemerge, fingers wagging, hands wringing, scolding us to remember all the things that pull us apart?

This coming of age thing is interesting, especially how it goes down elsewhere. The British media are furiously trying to stuff us back into the bottle, complaining about an unseemly display of national jingoism from a country that once knew its place. Our American cousins, however, are extending a hand across the border: Welcome to the world, kid. You're looking good.

And now, as goalie Roberto Luongo said at the end of the greatest game ever: "It doesn't matter what they say. I've got the gold around my neck. They can't take that away from me."

Or me. Or you.

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Word on the street: On a scale of one to 10, how would you rate the Vancouver Olympics?

Rod Nisi, Calgary
A: Ten. I thought they were awesome. I thought all the events were good.

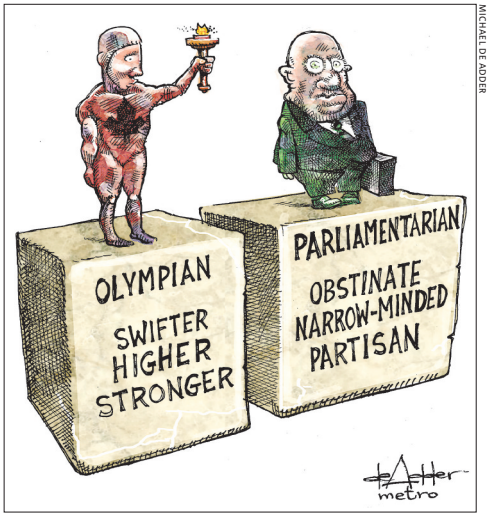
Carlie Marlatt, Calgary
A: Eight. They had some weather difficulties and the opening and closing ceremonies could have been better.

Paul Chao, Toronto
A: The Vancouver Olympics is definitely an easy 10. There's only been a handful of times where an event has united a country like the 2010 Olympics did.

Traci Bednard, Edmonton
A: I thought it was a 10, and for me it got better as it went along .. It exceeded my expectations for what I thought the Olympics would be.

Adam Gesser, Ottawa
A: Ten. The coverage is great. The energy is different when the Olympics are at home.

Sulhee Kim, Vancouver
A: Nine. (Vancouver) is a very quiet city, but during the Olympics people had patience and lots of enthusiasm, so many people in the streets high-fiving.



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No more 23 for LeBron
LeBron James has filed paperwork with the NBA to change his uniform number next season to No. 6 from No. 23, the league confirmed yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

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Bouwmeester a bust?

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For the first little while, we were giving him the benefit of the doubt. Jay Bouwmeester was the big summer acquisition.

The Flames decided to invest in the young, blue-chip defender rather than open the vault and keep free agent Mike Cammalleri. With Dion Phaneuf turning into a potato chip last season and Robyn Regehr and Cory Sarich slowing a step and with a renewed emphasis on defence, Bouwmeester was supposed to be the mobile, two-way puck mover who could anchor the Calgary blue-line for another decade.

Jay Bouwmeester

The Flames opened the wallet for $33.4 million over five years ($6.68 million cap hit). So why when they thought they'd signed Jay Bouwmeester did they wind up with Dana Murzyn instead?

Two goals in 62 games, are you kidding me? Wasn't Bouwmeester a candidate for the Canadian Olympic team at one point? As what, stick boy?

Bouwmeester, to be fair, hasn't been terrible this season. He's generally reliable in his own end. He moves the puck to his forwards efficiently. He's mobile.

But so was Dana Murzyn.

Is this all the Calgary Flames are getting for the fifth highest paid defenceman in the NHL? Where's that fabulous rushing ability? Where's that sneaky quick, smart play every period or two that has us thinking you're a young Scott Niedermayer?

For some reason, Bouwmeester has not displayed his offensive traits. Did you know that prior to this season, he was the sixth-highest scoring defencemen in the NHL the past three seasons? His 42 goals since 2006-07 rank behind only Sheldon Souray (52), Mike Green (51), Zdeno Chara (47), Shea Weber (46) and Phaneuf (45).

Bouwmeester isn't taking as many shots as he did in Florida. Since the lockout, he averaged 2.22 shots per game. This season, he's at 1.68. He gets time on the power play, but he has just one goal with the man advantage, compared to nine last season. He has gone 44 games without a goal and has just 11 assists in his past 41 games.

I swear I see steady, unassuming Dana Murzyn out there wearing No. 4. Nothing personal Dana Murzyn fan club, but I was expecting a whole lot more.

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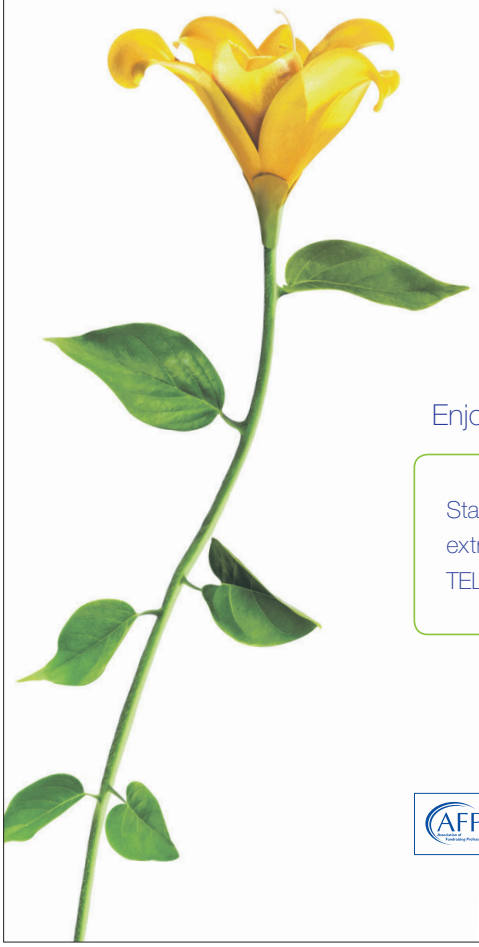

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Canadian literacy organization changes name
After two decades in existence, a name change and a new strategic plan marked the beginning of another era yesterday for the ABC Canada Literacy Foundation. Henceforth, it will be known as ABC Life Literacy Canada, the non-profit organization announced. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Interest rates to stay at historic lows for now

The Bank of Canada is keeping interest rates at historic lows for a few more months, while sending out signals that the economy is rebounding strongly and could trigger inflationary pressures.

The central bank's more positive take on the economy followed a Statistics Canada report Monday of a surprising five per cent growth spurt in the fourth quarter of 2009 and sent a strong loonie even higher.

"The level of economic activity in Canada has been slightly higher than the bank had projected in January," the bank said yesterday morning before markets opened.

"The economy grew at an annual rate of five per cent in the fourth quarter of 2009, spurred by vigorous domestic spending and further recovery in exports."

"Slightly higher" may be an understatement, as the bank had projected growth of only 3.3 per cent for the last three months of 2009.

The bank also noted that "core inflation" has been slightly firmer than projected, although it added that some of the price increases were due to transitory factors.

The governing council continued to reiterate that despite the improved conditions, they would likely leave the overnight rate where it has been since last spring — at 0.25 per cent — until at least July.

But some economists weren't buying it and the reaction of money markets suggested that there may be some pressure on governor Mark Carney to move on interest rates ahead of schedule.

"They are getting ready to take away the punch bowl," said Derek Holt, vice-president of economics with Scotia Capital. "I think they are priming the markets for a second-quarter hike." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wait till July

- Most economists agreed Carney is unlikely to act on interest rates until July, noting that yesterday's announcement repeats the conditional commitment to keep rates at the historic low until the third quarter.

Brazil pulls beer ad with Paris Hilton

ADVERTISING Paris Hilton is too hot for Brazil.

A sultry beer ad featuring the socialite has been pulled after consumer complaints and a watchdog agency's investigation.

The television and Internet ad featured Hilton in a short black dress preening and rubbing a can of Devassa beer on herself.

Paris Hilton

Brewer Schincariol said in a statement yesterday it will defend the commercial, but is pulling it in the meantime.

Ad watchdog Conar asked that the ad be removed, noting regulations don't permit a beer commercial to treat women as overtly sensual objects. Many Brazilian beer ads feature women in bikinis — but in a beach setting, where such clothing is expected.

Devassa's Bem Loura (Very Blond) beer featured an Internet campaign with Hilton wearing lingerie and high heels. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Number of women in board positions not changing: Study

STAGNANT The number of women in board positions in Canada has remained stagnant for several years, with the greatest dearth reported at public companies, according to a new study.

"This is really an issue of the recruitment of the very best talent available for board service in Canada," said Deborah Gillis, vice-president, North America, Catalyst.

"We need to move beyond the standard networks to look at a broader pool of candidates and really focus on a competency-based model," she said.

The study, Catalyst Census: Financial Post 500 Women Board Directors, shows that last year only 14 per cent of board positions in Canada were held by women, up one per cent since 2007 and two per cent from 2005.

In 2009, public companies reported 10.3 per cent of board positions were held by women, compared to 16 per cent at private companies.

Crown Corporations reported women holding 29.1 per cent of board positions and are really "driving" diversity initiatives, said Gillis.

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Workology

Retired prof donates $12M to uSask

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Workology in **brief**

POTENTIAL FOR ATLANTIC CANADA-QATAR APPLIED RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS Last month, College of the North Atlantic held the first international applied research roundtable of its kind at its Qatar campus. Participating Atlantic Canadian institutions joined CNA's delegation and colleagues from several Qatar organizations in the signing of an Intent to Partner MOU. With this agreement, the Canadian signatories have a path to develop applied research partnerships with Qatar organizations.

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Great potential in engineering careers

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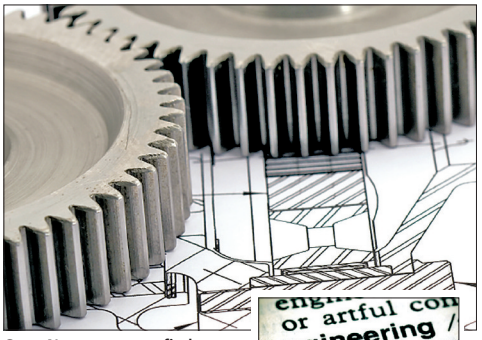

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National Engineering Month is focusing on youth this March, exploring how the children of today will "design the future" of tomorrow.

"Engineering is a draw for young people simply due to the fact that there are so many things that one can do and achieve as an engineer," NEM's chief executive officer Chantal Guay said in an email interview. "Young people are generally enthusiastic and full of life, having a desire to contribute and make a difference in the world."

Events across Canada will target kids aged eight to 14, showing them how modern engineering offers careers in software, civil engineering, mechanical engineering, agriculture and forestry. Guay said good grades in high school math and science are important, but engineering also requires creativity, imagination and communication skills.

"Not only are engineers contributing to the well-being of society and the public's quality of life, we are part of the solution to the challenges facing the country," Guay added. "Our work goes a long way to ensure that, for instance, the public is provided with sustainable infrastructure and has the adequate technologies and the means to adapt to climate change."

Engineers can also swing into action to provide much-needed help when disasters strike, such as the January earthquake in Haiti, or the more recent earthquake in Chile.

"Engineers' work shapes the way we live, work and play, and students can see what they can do in the exciting world of engineering by participating in National Engineering Month activities," Guay said.

Bruce Dunwoody, associate dean for engineering programs at the University of British Columbia, said young people drawn to engineering are strong in math and science and want to physically do something that makes a difference.

"They feel that through engineering they can have an impact on the world and help other people," he said. He pointed Engineers Without Borders and a student who spent his summer in Africa teaching villagers how to maintain earthen dams.

uAlberta Campus Saint-Jean students film "lip dub"
Inspired by UQAM students' popular lip-synching video, a student life co-ordinator at the University of Alberta's Campus Saint-Jean recruited more than 100 students to participate in a similar production. The staff member who spearheaded the project hopes the video gains some positive attention for uAlberta. METRO NEWS SERVICES

In the Den and life, the risk averse rarely succeed

Dragons' **Den**

Dianne Buckner

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"I'm not afraid of people who've made a mistake. They have likely learned from it. Certainly in my first job, they took a chance on me." Brett Wilson

Brett Wilson has handed out millions of dollars on Dragons' Den. The Saskatchewan born entrepreneur made a fortune in the oil and gas business, starting his own Calgary-based investment firm back in the '90s. And now he's become the deal-making king on the CBC reality show, where cash-hungry entrepreneurs pitch for investment money.

But Brett's willingness to take a chance on people has earned him ridicule at times from the other Dragons, who appear to believe Brett is a softie in terms of needing a solid financial return on his investments.

"Sounds like a deal for Brett," one of the other Dragons will sometimes snicker, when faced with a weak pitcher.

I think Brett is a softie — in a good way! "I get a return in my heart when I'm able to help someone step up their life," he told me, talking about the happiness he's seen on people's faces when he's delivered a cheque made out to their business venture.

But there's more to Brett Wilson than heart. This son of a car salesman didn't get a mansion, a jet-setting lifestyle and the ability to play in any industry he wants by being soft in the head. Brett has the guts to play the odds.

"I know I don't have to pick a winner every time," he says. "I know that out of 20 investments, 17 or 18 may not pay off. Two or three may carry the weight of all of them. And I'm quite comfortable with that."

He makes sense. Even in our own working live, we all know that we can't count on 100 per cent success in everything we do. And no one ever got ahead by playing it safe every step of the way. We have to take a chance sometimes, stretch ourselves a bit — hoping there's someone like Brett around, who is willing to look at the positives.

He's done that with his hiring policies also, saying he's willing to give good people a second chance — once deciding to employ someone who was fresh out of rehab for cocaine.

"I'm not afraid of people who've made a mistake," says Brett. "They have likely learned from it."

Maybe it's because he's been given the benefit of the doubt too at times.

"Certainly in my first job, they took a chance on me," he says.

Brett is in fine form on our latest episode. Tune in tonight to see what surprising deals the kind-hearted Dragon makes.

Dianne Buckner is the host of Dragons' Den and the weekend anchor on the CBC News Network. Watch Dragons' Den at 8 p.m. tonight on CBC.

CBC PHOTO

Among the Dragons, Brett Wilson has earn the reputation of being a softie, but he says he's just willing to take chances.

Workology in **brief**

GOVERNMENTS, FIRST NATIONS CHIEFS SIGN MOU TO STRENGTHEN ABORIGINAL EDUCATION IN ALBERTA The federal and Alberta governments and the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs of Alberta signed an MOU last week pledging to bring graduation rates among Aboriginal youth in Alberta to the same level as the rest of students. Both governments plan to analyze existing funding protocols for First Nations education and explore new "strategic" funding opportunities. The MOU calls for an Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom Centre to establish an "education expertise" hub for all of the province's First Nations. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology in **brief**

UVIC FAST-TRACKS DEGREE FOR DYING STUDENT Last Wednesday, Eva Markvoort, whose battle with cystic fibrosis is the subject of an award-winning documentary, received her fine arts degree from the University of Victoria from her hospital bed in Vancouver. When her sister Annie told a professor about Eva's failing health, the professor and several faculty members worked to grant Markvoort her degree within 24 hours. One of Markvoort's theatre professors said to the Victoria Times-Colonist that she is an inspiration. "We're incredibly proud to have her as one of our alumni." See 65redroses.com for more. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Targeting traffic

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Metro Drive

2010's best of the best

Consumer Reports has named its Top Picks for 2010, the best all-around models in their categories based on performance, reliability and safety. The Lexus LS 460L won best car overall category. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Bimmer pushes performance

PETER BLEAKNEY
for Metro Canada

BMW is launching a higher performance version of the 2011 335i Coupe and Convertible, dubbed the 335is, in Canada and the US only. Huh? Usually the Europeans get all the fun stuff, so what's up?

Apparently North Americans buy a much higher percentage of hi-performance 3 Series (335i and M3) than Europeans, and since many here have their cars modified, a factory tuner version of the 335i was a viable consideration.

The current BMW 3 Series, which was launched as a 2006 model, sees a refresh for 2011, getting a new hood and fascia, recontoured grill, headlights with LED "corona rings" and eyebrows, reshaped side sills and LED taillights. You'll know the hotter 335is model by its black kidney grills, aggressive M Sport fascia, side skirts, high-gloss black mirrors and 5-spoke ferric grey 18" alloys.

Although you'll probably hear it coming first. The sport exhaust system broadcasts a deliciously fruity burble that escalates to a feral wail as the tach needle swings to the 7000 rpm redline.

Power is up 20 horses to 320 and torque jumps from 300 to 332 lb.-ft., available from 1500 to 5000 r.p.m. There is an additional seven second overboost of 370 lb.-ft. should your Reebok hit the firewall.

Where this power comes from makes for an interesting and slightly convoluted tale. All 2011 335i models, save this "is" version, will get BMW's new 3.0L single twin-scroll turbocharged 300 hp straight-six with the trick throttleless Valvetronic induction system.

Because the "old" twin-turbo 3.0L engine (which makes exactly the same horsepower and torque) was more tune-able according to BMW, it continues its tour of duty here with enhanced mojo — mostly achieved via an increase in boost pressure.

BMW will deliver a new "is" version of its 3 Series later this year.

A six-speed manual transmission is standard in the 335is — optional will be the excellent seven-speed twin-clutch DCT gearbox with steering wheel mounted shift paddles from the M3, without the M's multiple shift settings.

Take one of the most poetic handling rear-drive cars on the road, add a bit more power, lots more torque, a sports suspension, stiffer engine mounts, snug sport seats, functional rear diffuser, an M Sport steering wheel, and you arrive at a particularly special vehicle that expands on the 335i's considerable talents.

It is aimed at those who want more than a garden-variety 335i but can't make the financial or psychological leap to a 414 hp V8-powered M3.

We'll see the 335is Convertible first in early spring, followed by the Coupe a couple of months later.

No Canadian pricing has been announced.

2011 BMW 335is

Type: Sports coupe/convertible
Price: Not available
Engine: 3.0L single twin turbo

Highlights

- More powerful that regular 3 Series i models
- Aggressive, stylish looks

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Olympic champion Vonn gets honoured

Vail Resorts and the entire Vail community offer their heartfelt congratulations to hometown hero and decorated Champion, Lindsey Vonn. In recognition of her many achievements, Vail Resorts is renaming a trail on Vail Mountain after Vonn. vailresorts.com. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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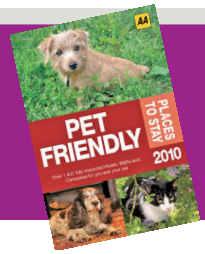

Bring your horse on vacation

Pet Friendly Places to Stay is a guide for pet owners who wish to take their pets on holiday with them. It includes over 1,200 establishments from AA inspected hotels and B&Bs, country-house hotels and seaside accommodation, and campsites that accept dogs, cats and horses so you can book your stay with confidence. It includes all the updated vacation options from past editions with many new great finds.

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Travel in brief

EARTH HOUR For the third consecutive year, Fairmont Hotels & Resorts will participate in Earth Hour, to raise awareness about climate change. On Mar. 27 at 8:30 p.m., all 60 of Fairmont's hotels across the world will go dark for one hour.

BEER Cheapflights.ca has released a Canadian Beer Lover's Airport Guide. Cheapflights is serving up the latest information on where to kick back with a local beer, sample a taste of the land and forget about all the stresses of travelling.

DEALS The Sheraton Nassau Beach Resort is offering Canadians a getaway packed with special savings and upgrades with its Book Now – Save Big Package. Offering guests up to 40 per cent off room rates (sheraton-nassau.com)

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METRO WORLD NEWS

The Tomato Festival in Bunol, Spain features the world's largest food fight.

Frolic at freaky festivals

Food fights, phallus worship and monkey buffets await

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

Looking for something a little different to do with your holidays?

Try attending one of these freaky festivals.

TOMATO FESTIVAL
Buñol, Spain
When: Last Wednesday in August
What: La Tomatina is he world's largest food fight — 30,000 people fill the town's main square hell bent on throwing as many tomatoes as they can. Tractors dump piles of overripe ammo on the streets and for 90 minutes it's as much fun as it's possible to have with a vine-ripened fruit.

MONKEY BUFFET
Lopburi, Thailand
When: The last weekend in November.
What: Love 'em or hate 'em you just can't ignore these ill-tempered simians.
That's the chief reason behind the Monkey Buffet. The town authorities decided the best way to placate the local monkey population was to lay out a delicious lunch including everything from peanuts to watermelon to crab washed down with cola.

NO-SEX DAY
Throughout Bali
When: March 16
What: OK, it's really the Balinese New Year which is supposed to be spent in total silence without the distraction of lights, television, radios, food, or sex. Security guards, patrol the streets to ensure the rules are observed.

FESTIVAL OF PHALLUS
Kawasaki
When: First Sunday in April
What: Kanamara Matsuri is a slightly disturbing celebration of the penis on the streets of Kawasaki.
Actually a slightly-bastardized Shinto fertility festival in which the male member takes centre stage on huge floats, parades, even candy.

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Air travel up the updraft
Global demand for air travel continued to show signs of improvement as passenger demand increased by 6.4 per cent in January, the International Air Transport Association said yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

5 brilliant bar locations

Watering holes that stand a cut above the rest

PAUL BALDWIN
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Gold Bar in New York is staple for Manhattan's elite.

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Basil's Bar in Mustique sits on stilts and overlooks the Caribbean.

Sometimes a great bar can turn going for a drink into an art form.

Metro found five of the world's best bars.

BASIL'S BAR
Mustique

Universally recognized as the most laidback bar on the planet. The bar, owned unsurprisingly by Basil, sits on stilts overlooking the Caribbean and is unbelievably cool. On any given night you are just as likely to find yourself drinking with a supermodel or a St. Vincent road-sweeper. The UN should move its HQ here. Basil says: "The bar is a leveler, whose mantra is to live in the moment as Basil does and enjoy the wonders of life."

And I think we can all drink to that.

(basilsmustique.com)

GOLD BAR
New York

It makes you realize what every self-respecting bar needs is hundreds of gold-plated skulls adorning the walls. This SoHo New York bar has a revolving door celebrity clientele and is frighteningly cool. But not in a laid-back Basil's way — in Manhattan "you better be beautiful, rich and thin" kind of way. But if you can face it, it's a genuinely amazing place to sample NYC high life. (goldbarnewyork.com)

LUTETIA BAR
Paris

Fabled Left Bank hang out of Parisienne inteligensia for 100 years. Sartre and De Beauvoir were among the generations of artists and writers who have sipped here. Today it's richly decorated belle époque interior still draws artists, journalists and writers and the history lends the bar a special atmosphere.

(lutetia-paris.com)

VOLUPTE
London

This little bar, described as a "supper club" is a fabulously decadent burlesque hang-out full of basque-clad women, fire-eaters, snake charmers and... Well you get the picture. The tables are very '30s Hollywood but the cocktails are bang up to date. (volupte-lounge.com)

BEHIND THE GREEN DOOR
Beirut

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Hoffman tries his luck

Oscar winner Dustin Hoffman will star in David Milch's upcoming HBO series, Luck, according to Variety. Hoffman will play a highly intelligent man who's just been released from four years in prison and loves to gamble on horse racing. EW.COM

Entertainment

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Burton in Wonderland

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Twenty-five years after his first feature film (Pee-wee's Big Adventure) director Tim Burton has continued to defy categorization, delving into animation, comic books, musicals and ghost stories.

But one thing has remained constant: his focus on outsiders, from Pee-wee to Sweeney Todd to Batman to Beetlejuice. And in Disney's big-budget, 3-D Alice in Wonderland, Burton takes on one of literature's ultimate outsiders. Burton sat down with Metro to talk about the movie.

Director Tim Burton's 3-D Alice in Wonderland open on Friday.

Q What made you want to take on Alice in Wonderland?

A All the other film versions always suffered from a similar problem: They were always very cold and about this precocious brat and a bunch of weird characters, and it always felt very distancing. And yet there's something about those characters that just stays in your subconscious. You look at Tom Petty videos and Jefferson Airplane and all these illustrators. It keeps coming up in other people's work.

Q What was the thinking behind the idea of making Alice older?

A The idea was setting her at this time in life when you just don't feel right. You feel awkward. You don't feel like a child, you don't feel like an adult. It just felt really right from a psychological point of view.

Q What brought about the decision to make this in 3-D?

A It was presented to me. Disney said what about Alice in Wonderland in 3-D? The combination of the two, that hit me. It's not a gimmick. For me, it's just another element. You could do My Dinner with Andre in 3-D. It doesn't have to be in your face. It can be subtle. The medium is important. Because of the trippy nature of Alice and because of the spatial thing and how 3-D draws you into it, it seemed to fit.

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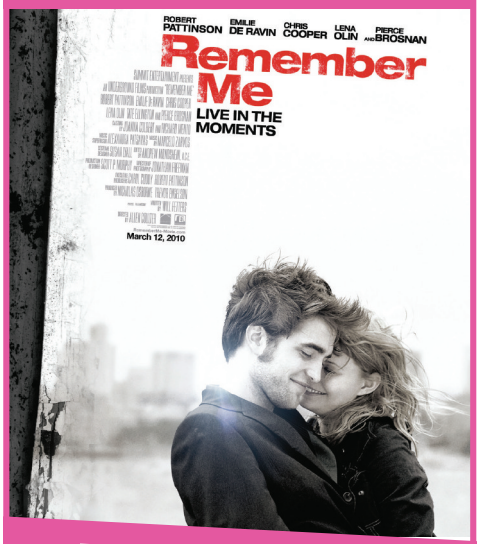

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Middle Earth in 3-D
Guillermo Del Toro has hinted that The Hobbit could be in 3-D. The director has taken over the reigns from Peter Jackson and after the success of Avatar discussions are underway about possibly making it 3-D. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Televisions' pregnant pause

More than a few programs see taking their shows to the maternity ward risky

DOROTHY ROBINSON
For Metro US

This week, America's favourite co-workers-turned-lovebirds, Jim (John Krasinski) and Pam (Jenna Fischer) , will celebrate the birth of their faux offspring in a special one-hour baby episode of The Office.

"I'm getting a bunch of mail, like, 'I can't wait to see you guys have a baby, because we're expecting', so I feel like we're growing up with our fans," says Jenna Fischer about the event.

Not since Rachel Green (played by Jennifer Aniston) became pregnant on Friends has a TV birth been so eagerly anticipated. And considering that happened on 2002, it's been a while since a character on a popular sitcom has been seen procreating. Since most women do choose to have children, it's interesting that pregnancy is such a missing element in today's comedies.

"Pregnancy has never been viewed as sexy," says Melissa Camacho, a professor of broadcasting at San Francisco State University.

"When Rachel had her baby, it wasn't a huge plot point."

As Sheryl Bowen, an associate professor of communications at Villanova University, puts it, "Television has an inability to show women in more than one role at more than one time."

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Jenna Fischer and John Krasinski

"In sitcom land, we prefer watching women with no real responsibilities."

Female characters on TV are either sex goddesses, mothers or high-ranking professionals; rarely do all three align. And in sitcom land, we prefer watching women with no real responsibilities.

As for Pam and Jim's baby, Camacho doubts it will become too much of an interruption on the show.

"The focus will not shift to (Jim and Pam as) a just-married working couple whose lives have just changed forever," she says. "It's doubtful that a baby will be seen sitting at a desk, just typing away."

Other TV pregnancies

Both Jennifer Aniston and Jenna Fischer just played pregnant women on TV — they had no babies of their own. But when lead actresses do become pregnant, it can mean different things for their characters.

- When actress Mary Kay Stearns became pregnant in 1948, writers incorporated it into her show, Mary Kay and Johnny, making it TV's first on-screen pregnancy.
- Perhaps the most groundbreaking on-screen pregnancy was that of Lucille Ball on I Love Lucy. Although CBS would not allow the word "pregnant" to be used on the show. In fact, TV execs didn't think a pregnant woman could be shown on television but they had the bright idea to correspond the airing of Lucy Goes to the Hospital (the episode when she gives birth) to coincide with her real-life delivery of son Desi Arnaz, Jr.
- Many times when actresses become pregnant in real life, their character is written off the show until they aren't showing anymore. When Law & Order: Special Victims Unit star Mariska Hargitay was due with her son in 2006, her character's absence was explained by saying she went undercover for the FBI.

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Award-winning makeup tips

We all know Rita Hayworth gave good face. But what about her Hollywood successors? Veteran make-up artist Dino Dilio has the scoop on some of the red carpet "face work" we'll be seeing this year and how to grab the look for your own Oscar party.

SKIN: Glowy skin is in for both face and body. Gone are the days of mid-'90s spackled sparkle, but Dilio recommends a subtle shine using MAC Strobe Cream ($38), which goes underneath your foundation and reflects the light. . However, he cautions the oily-skinned should opt for a shimmer powder instead of a cream.

EYES: Smoky eyes are still de rigeur for a sultry stare, but trendsetters have swapped their blacks and greys for metallic hues like gold and bronze with charcoal liquid eyeliner just above the lash line. Dilio suggests placing just the smallest amount of glitter (like Sephora Glitter Shimmer Pots, $10) on the inside corner of the lid to capture light from the flash bulbs.

LIPS: Actresses have been softening their makeup because it makes them look younger, Dilio reveals, but when it comes to Oscar night, a classic red lip is still the go-to shade. Try Clinique Angel Red ($18). Choose a nude lip colour, like Dior Addict Lunar Brown ($26) if you plan on playing up the eyes.

JORDANA DIVON/FOR METRO CANADA

Hollywood Votes
Academy Awards

DREAM CELEBRITY: SANDRA BULLOCK
I would love to see (Best Actress nominee) Sandra Bullock in a very simple, chic hairstyle. I would slick it all back to expose her unique face. No bangs because bangs take away from her. And I would love to have a braid on the side and twist the braid to make it look like a seashell, putting a unique crystal accessory in her hair as a compliment.

Sandra Bullock

Oscar's hair-dos

JORDANA DIVON
for Metro Canada

"Tell me, darling. Who are you wearing?"

It's Oscar night's endless red carpet refrain.

But with all the attention lavished on colour, fabric and designer, celebrity hairstylist Jie Matar has some stark advice for Sunday's podium-bound stars.

"The first thing you look at on the red carpet is hair," says Matar. "And if the hair doesn't work, you can forget about the rest."

He's not kidding. Remember the beautiful pale pink Reem Acra gown Jennifer Lopez wore to the 2002 Oscars? No? That's probably because the tortured poodle standing to attention on her head made it impossible to retain anything south of her neckline.

Though serious hair missteps like Lopez's are uncommon, Matar offers a few winning tips to make the tresses of any golden girl positively gleam — and change the mantra to: "Tell me, darling. Who did your hair?"

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Cate Blanchette

COLOUR: BRONZE GODDESSES
I prefer gold shades for the Oscars. Copper hair is very in again for spring and summer. It's about engaging with the public and being as simple as possible. And what I love is healthy, shiny hair, which we haven't seen in a while.

STYLE: SIMPLICITY REIGNS
We need to get away from prom hair! Most of the time, the actresses don't use their regular stylists because they get overwhelmed and that's where they make mistakes. I like to see simple updos: chignons and twists that suit the actress's bone structure. And the simpler the better. Sometimes I like to see nothing more than a sleek ponytail if the dress is too avant garde.

Kate Winslet

Phillips makes up mind, then changes it

The 18-year marriage between Billy Baldwin, left, and Chynna Phillips almost came to an end last week when Phillips filed divorce papers, but within days, she changed her mind and withdrew the filing, popeater.ca reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Amy, Blake seen smooching

PERHAPS SHE SHOULD GO TO REHAB FOR BAD RELATIONSHIPS Don't look now, but Amy Winehouse is back lip-locking with ex-husband Blake Fielder-Civil, people.com reports.

The couple, who divorced last summer, cozily ate some tapas at Jamon Jamon, which has been a regular haunt for Winehouse, 26, in Camden, north London, Sunday. Friends of the singer say there is nothing formal being discussed between the two, who have only seen each other a handful of times since he left jail last year.

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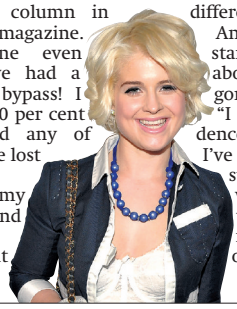
Osbourne says she lost weight herself

AND ALL THE DANCING WITH THE STARS TRANING DIDN'T HURT EITHER Kelly Osbourne is thrilled with her new svelte figure, but she's not so thrilled with critics suggesting she got it the easy way.

"The rumours are ridiculous. They send out the wrong message because I've shaped up working hard for months — it wasn't a quick fix," she writes in her column in Closer magazine. "Someone even said I've had a gastric bypass! I have 100 per cent not had any of that. I've lost weight from my face, and that's why it looks different."



And the former reality star is quite candid about why she hasn't gone under the knife. "I can say with confidence that the only time I've been in a plastic surgeon's office was with my mum, and though I wouldn't rule it out when I'm older."

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Gaga says she is celibate

MAYBE THE JONAS BROTHERS CAN GIVE HER A PROMISE RING? Lady Gaga has made an art form of skimpy outfits, but at the moment it's all for show. The pop star says she is currently single and celibate, people.com reports.

"I haven't got time to spend on the road to get to know anyone," she told reporters this week at MAC cosmetics' Viva Glam event in London, reports the U.K.'s Mirror. "Even Lady Gaga can be celibate. You don't have to have sex to be loved."

The singer, 23, may be abstaining — but that doesn't preclude her from offering opinions about what goes on in the bedroom.

"Sex should be fun, beautiful and colorful, but women get the short end of the stick," she says.

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Murphy's hubby gets nothing

BRITTANY WAS OBVIOUSLY A MAMA'S GIRL Brittany Murphy — who died after a battle with pneumonia Dec. 20 at age 30 — didn't leave a dime to husband Simon Monjack, usmagazine.com reports. She left her entire estate to her mother, Sharon, according to TMZ.com.

The site reports that years before Murphy wed Monjack in 2007, she handwrote a will leaving her mother everything. The will was stored in her manager's safe.

Monjack wasn't surprised he was left out. He tells TMZ that before they wed, the actress' formal will, along with a trust, was drafted.

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VIRGINIA MADSEN is having some fashion issues, **LINDSAY LOHAN** an can't make it through an Emilio Estevez movie, **KARL LAGERFELD** gets serious about not being serious, and **JOHN MAYER** knows his limits.

@madlyv Fitting for my Oscar gown! But where can I hide my iPhone?

@lindsaylohan watching Young Guns... my eyes are about to close, they feel heavy, probably coz i'm tired! night night

@Karl_Lagerfeld Fashion does not have to prove that it is serious. It is the proof that intelligent frivolity can be something creative and positive.

@johncmayer Two Krispy Kreme doughnuts, good. Three Krispy Kreme doughnuts, bad.

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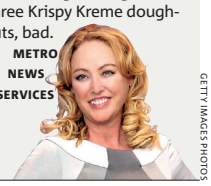

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Simpson blasts Mayer on Oprah

SOBER TALK Jessica Simpson strikes back at John Mayer over his unchivalrous comments about her in his recent Playboy interview. "I don't want people to know how I am in bed," Simpson tells Oprah Winfrey during a visit to her talk show airing in today, according to Us Weekly. Simpson and Winfrey also discuss how the singer is affected by negative comments about her weight.

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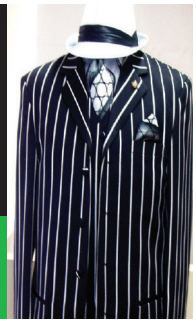

Lohan didn't fully commit to rehab

GRADE: INCOMPLETE Lindsay Lohan admits a few of her stints in rehab might not have been so successful because she didn't fully commit to them. "The second two times I went to rehab, to be honest with you, I had to go because it was a court thing.," Lohan tells Britain's OK! Magazine..

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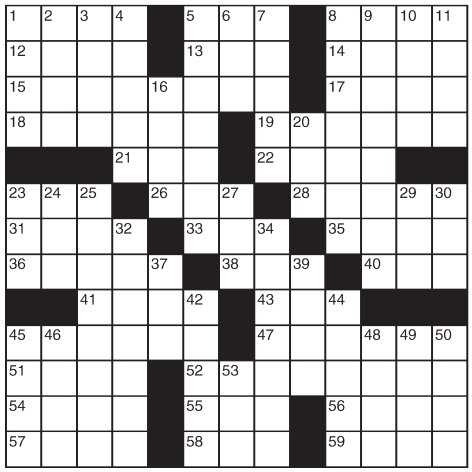

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Garlic Seafood Pasta

INGREDIENTS:
14 oz (400 g) linguine
2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil
3 garlic cloves, crushed
4 tbsp (60 mL) dry white wine
1/2 lb (250 g) cherry tomatoes, quartered
2 packs frozen cooked seafood mix
3 tbsp (45 mL) ricotta cheese
1 oz (30 g) fresh flat-leaf parsley, roughly chopped

METHOD:
1. Cook linguine according to pack instructions, until al dente.

2. While pasta is cooking, heat oil in frying pan. Add garlic, then stir in wine. Simmer 1 minute; stir in tomatoes. Add seafood and return to simmer. Cook, stirring occasionally, 4 minutes, or until tomatoes have started to soften and seafood is thoroughly heated. Stir in ricotta cheese, heat gently and season to taste.

3. Drain pasta and turn into warmed serving bowl. Spoon sauce over pasta. Add parsley and gently toss until thoroughly combined. Serve immediately.

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Make the most of what you possess, emotionally and materially. It may seem less than what others are enjoying but it is more than enough for your needs.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
The last few days have been hectic. Fortunately, today's Mercury-Saturn aspect will help you cut your workload down to manageable proportions.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Some things take longer than others to get going, so don't worry if you seem to be getting nowhere. You are building the foundations for future success.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Life may seem a bit dull at the moment but don't let that fool you. There is a lot going on behind the scenes and it won't be long before you are busy.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
For some reason you seem determined to force a confrontation, but that's the last thing you should be doing. Keep a low profile and stay out of harm's way.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Just because a friend or work colleague isn't saying much at the moment does not mean they no longer like you. It's no big deal.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Get going on that you have a huge backlog of chores that need to be dealt with. Start on them today and don't stop until you have finished.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
It does not matter why certain things have happened. What matters is that you accept them and make the best of them. Keep your attitude positive.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You want everything to be in its proper place and you will work hard to make sure there are no loose ends or bits and pieces you might accidentally trip over.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Spell everything out in plain and simple language today. The people you are going to be dealing with are simply incapable of understanding big concepts.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Don't give too much away. That applies to money, of course, but it also applies to what you tell other people about your plans for the future.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Forget about the past and live for the moment. Worrying about "what might have been' is sure to hold you back. It's what you do next that matters.

This day in history

1845: Florida is admitted as the 27th U.S. state.
1875: The first ever organized indoor game of ice hockey is played in Montreal, as recorded in The Montreal Gazette.
1923: Time magazine is published for the first time.
1939: In Mumbai, Mohandas Gandhi begins to fast in protest at the autocratic rule in India.
1991: An amateur video captures the beating of Rodney King by Los Angeles police officers.
2005: James Roszko murders four Royal Canadian Mounted Police constables during a drug bust at his property in Rochfort Bridge, Alta. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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